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1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT VISITING TWA REP HAYEK HAD OBTAINED AUTHORIZATION FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS PER WEEK (NEW YORK/PARIS/CAIRO) WITH FULL FIFTH FREEDOM PASSENGER RIGHTS. HAYEK CALLED ON AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY TO CONFIRM ABOVE. HE PROVIDED COPY OF A LETTER (SIGNED BY SHENNAWI, CHAIRMAN, THE EGYPTIAN GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR CIVIL AVIATION), CONFIRMING THIS PERMISSION. TEXT OF PERTINENT SUBSTANTIVE PARAS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS AGREED AS A PRINCIPLE, TO TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZE THE COMPANY TO OPERATE THESE FLIGHTS WITH A TEMPORARY PERMIT EXPIRING ON 31/10/1977 AND HAS FURTHER AGREED TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE COMPANY TO ENJOY THE TRAFFIC RIGHTS ON THE SECTORS ROME/CAIR/ROME AND ATHENS/CAIRO/ATHENS ON THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH FLIGHTS TIL 31/10/1977 ON THE PREMISE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES ARE EFFECTED PRIOR TO 31/10/1977.

IT IS HOWEVER REQUESTED THAT THE EXERCISE OF THE FIFTH FREEDOM BY THE COMPANY ON THE SECTORS PARIS/CAIRO/PARIS, ROME/CAIRO/ROME AND ATHENS/CAIRO/ATHENS SHOULD NOT HARM THE FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS OF EGYPT AIR ON THESE SECTORS IN LINE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT CONCLUCED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT. UNQUOTE

- 3. AS WILL BE NOTED, LETTER DOES NOT GIVE A STARTING DATE, BUT TWA EXPECTS NEW ROUTE WILL BE IN OPERATION BY FEBRUARY 1 AT LEAST. (TWA COMPUTERS ARE REPORTEDLY SET FOR THAT DATE, BUT AN EARLIER START IS POSSIBLE.) THERE ARE NO FITH FREEDOM RESTRICTIONS ON CAIRIO-PARIS LEG. TWA REGARDS LAST PARAGRAPH OF LETTER AS STANDARD BOILERPLATE.
- 4. WILL ALSO BE NOTED THAT AUTHORIZATION IS TEMPORARY AND EFFECTIVE UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 1977, OR UNTIL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST, TWA HAS BEEN ASSURED, ACCORDING TO HAYEK, THAT REFERENCE TO CONSULTATIONS DOES NOT MEAN THOSE WHICH ARE IN THEORY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR, SINCE GOE REALIZES COMPANY COULD NOT START UP AND THEN STOP IN SHORT TIME. HAYEK BELIEVES REFERENCE IS TO CONSULTATIONS FORMALIZING NEW ROUTE, PERMANENTLY GRANTING FULL FIFTEH FREEDOM RIGHTS ON ALL DAILY ROME-ATHENS-CAIRO FLIGHTS (TWO PER WEEK HAVE TEMPORARY PERMISSION ONLY) AND DISCUSSING OPERATIONS BEYOND CAIRO.
- 5. COMMENT. TWA MAY BE CORRECT ON GOE'S THINKING RE
 NEXT NEGOTIATIONS; THEY WERE CERTAINLY CORRECT IN PREDCITING
 NEW PARIS ROUTE WOULD BE APPROVED. IF THEIR PROGNOSIS
 IS ACCURATE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PRESENTLY PENDING
 BILATERAL CONSULSTATIONS MAY BE POSTPONED AGAIN, AT
 EGYPTIAN REQUEST, BUT AS YET WE HAVE HAD NO FORMAL
 GOE WORD ON THIS MATTER. TWA REPS TOLD AMBASSADOR
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THAT COMPANY PRESENTLY PLANS TO OPERATE ONLY THREE FLIGHTS PER WEEK ON PARIS-CAIRO LEG AND WILL USE SAME EQUIPMENT TO INAUGURATE A WEEKLY GENEVA-BAHREN FLIGHT. HAYEK EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EMBASSY'S ASSISTENCE IN GETTING ISSUE OF ELEVEN FLIGHTS PER WEEK SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED - AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. EILTS

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